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Title: Statement laid regarding status of implementation of recommendations in 21st Report of Standing Committee on Agriculture.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Sir, I beg to lay the statement on status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 21st Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction 73A of hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin – Part II dated 1st September, 2004.

The 21st Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 19.5.2006. The Report relates to examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for the year 2006-07.

An Action Taken Note on the recommendations/observations contained in the Report of the Committee has been sent to the Standing Committee on Agriculture on 19.12.2006. The ATN has now been updated and revised ATN is in the Annexure.

There are eight recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertain to various issues relating to promotion of food processing industries such as provision of necessary infrastructure facilities, budgetary allocation and expenditure of the Ministry and schemes for infrastructure development, technology upgradation, Quality control labs, backward and forward linkages and generic advertisement, etc.

* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library, See No. LT – 6624/07

Present status of implementation of various recommendations made by the Committee and reported to the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my statement and the same is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents given in the Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as having read.